

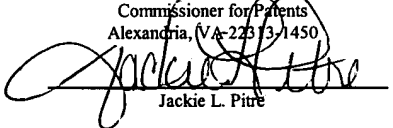


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Inventors: Vinegar et al.
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The Patent and Trademark Office mailed on August 5, 2004 the following documents: 1) Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application and 2) Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional).

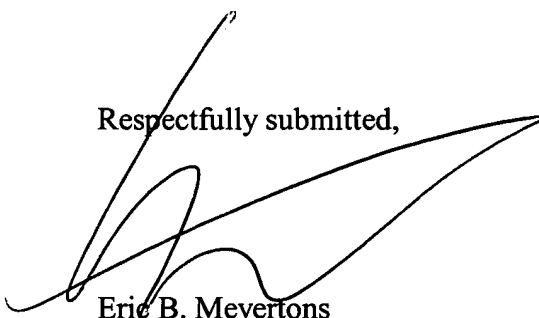
The Declaration for the above-referenced application (a copy of which is included as Exhibit A) was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 27, 2004 as evidenced by the return postcard (a copy of the postcard is enclosed as Exhibit B).

The Declaration includes all of the inventors of the application. The filing receipt that lists James Louis Menotti is incorrect. A Request For Corrected Filing Receipt has been filed with the Patent and Trademark Office (a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit C).

A complete declaration and the correct fee were filed for the application. Applicant believes that the Notice of Incomplete Reply has been sent in error. Applicant believes that all requirements for filing an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been met. Applicant requests rescission of the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with the filing of this document and accompanying exhibits. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate amount of time. If any fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-21000/EBM.

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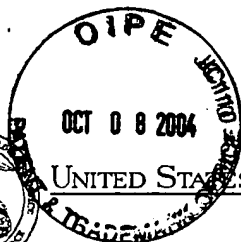


The date stamp of the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of the attached: (1) Submission of Missing Parts For Patent Application (2 pages); (2) Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page); (3) Originally executed Assignment (2 pages); (4) Originally executed Declaration (3 pages); (5) Preliminary Amendment (11 pages); (6) Fee Authorization in the amount of \$1,534.00 for fees (2 pages); and (7) A return postcard.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 05/27/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/05/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
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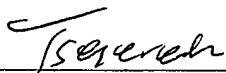
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- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
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